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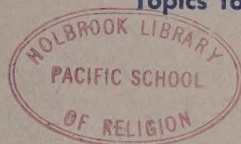
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Topics for June



## CITIZENSHIP CONTEST WINNERS



**Rita Jean Trent**  
Second Award



**Jana Woodrum**  
First Award



**Lucigrace Switzer**  
Third Award

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Winners in the Citizenship Award Contest are shown. They are, left to right, Rita Jean Trent, who won second honors; Jana Woodrum, recipient of the first award, and Lucigrace Switzer, who took third place.

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Coming to You by Way of

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*General Secretary*



## A Selfless Life

Helen Lyon Jones lived for others. She will be remembered by a host of friends as one who truly followed the Master's advice to be of service to one's fellowman. In the midst of an active life of going about doing good Mrs. Jones, vice-president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, was called to higher service March 24. Thousands of youth, and older folks, too, in North America and around the world, know fuller and richer living because she was a faithful steward of her time, talents, money and life. The inspiration of her spirit and the example of her life will live for years and years to come.

## What Are You Doing This Summer?

Do you want to make a good investment of your summer? Why not get into an ecumenical work camp in this country or some place overseas? Hundreds of youth will render a valuable ministry to others through projects this coming vacation season. Young people interested may contact International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 5, Ohio, or Ecumenical Work Camps, 110 East 29th Street, New York 16, N. Y.

## A Time For Witness

More than 40,000 people are reported to have heard Evangelist Billy Graham in London's famous Hyde Park recently. It is hoped that a gathering this size or larger will attend the service of the World's Christian Endeavor Convention Sunday afternoon, July 25, at the foot of the Washington Monument in the Nation's Capital when Billy Graham will preach.

## Know Your America Week

Sunday, June 13, marks the beginning of "Know Your America Week." Help in the celebration in your city or town. Last year more than 1,800 communities in the country participated in the activity sponsored by the All-American Conference to Combat Communism. The purpose of the week is to dramatize the development of our country and to get citizens to rededicate themselves to the preservation of basic American principles. Plan some activity in your Christian Endeavor program for June 13. Detailed information for cooperation may be secured through the International Society of Christian Endeavor which is one of the more than 50 organizations affiliated with the All-American Conference. Dr. Daniel A. Poling is chairman of the governing board.

## For Your Information

Mablon Hetrick, president of District of Columbia Union, and Molly Henderson were married March 12 in River Road United Presbyterian Church, Washington — Rev. Cornelius Muyskens, president of Kentucky Christian Endeavor Union, and his wife Helen are being congratulated on the birth of a daughter March 25 — Word has come from Manly, New South Wales, Australia, telling of the death February 19 of Rev. Lionel B. Fletcher. Mr. Fletcher was president of the British Christian Endeavor Union in 1923 and for many years a vice-president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union. He was well known as an evangelist.

*Gene Stone*

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The recipient of International Youth's Distinguished Service Citation in 1951 and vice-president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor passed to her eternal reward March 24.

## Leaders Pay Tribute To Life of Mrs. Jones

**H**IGH tribute has been paid by scores of Christian Endeavor leaders to the life of Mrs. Joseph Holton Jones, vice-president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, who died March 24.

Funeral services were held in Trinity Episcopal Church, Wilmington, Delaware, where Mrs. Jones was a member, March 27. Rev. Donald W. Mayberry, rector, officiated with Dr. Ernest R. Bryan, president of International Society, and Rev. Donald Wilson, vicar of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Wilmington, Delaware, assisting.

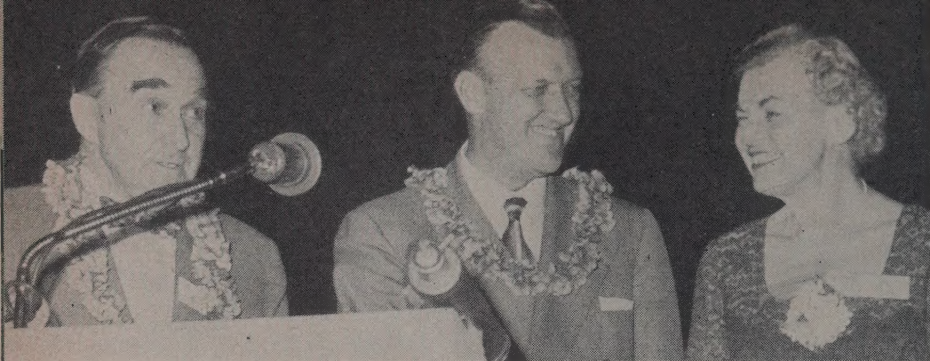
International Christian Endeavor was represented at the service by Mr. and Mrs. Norman Klauder, Allan J. Blair, and Gertrude Patriquin.

Mrs. Jones, who was vice-president of International Society for 15 years and was the recipient of International Youth's Distinguished Service Citation at the convention in Grand Rapids, Michigan, in 1951, was stricken with a heart attack after boarding a bus in New York City. Mrs. Jones had gone to New York City to bid bon voyage to her friends, Dr. and Mrs. Daniel A. Poling, who left on a cruise to the Holy Land March 23. She is survived by her

husband, Joseph Holton Jones, an architect of Wilmington. The Joneses had been married 15 years.

Mrs. Jones was born in New York City December 31, 1896. She graduated from Wellesley College in 1918 and went to Washington, D. C., to be a secretary to Roger W. Babson. She later was one of the secretaries of Sidwell's Friends School.

While a member of the Church of the Covenant (now the National Presbyterian Church) in Washington, D. C., then Helen Lyon, Mrs. Jones was active in the local Christian Endeavor society and the District of Columbia Union. Besides her Christian Endeavor work Mrs. Jones was a past president of the Wilmington New Century Club, formerly a member of the board of directors of the Y.W.C.A. and was chairman of missionary education of the Wilmington Council of Churches. She was interested in the development of the St. Matthews Episcopal Church, a new church for Negroes in Wilmington. She was active in the Trinity parish, working in the Women's Auxiliary, the Women's Club, member of the Parish Council and a member of the Educational Committee. She served a term as Educational Secretary of the Women's Auxiliary of the Diocese of Delaware.



MRS. JOSEPH HOLTON JONES shown making presentation of International Youth's Distinguished Service Citation to Governor Theodore McKeldin of Maryland, at Convention in Denver, Colorado, June 25, 1951. She received this citation in 1951. Daniel A. Poling is at left.

## Helen \*

By Daniel A. Poling

LIKE a bird of ill omen out of a clear blue sky, the message fell upon our ship in mid-Atlantic—"Helen died today." But of course it just wasn't so—Helen will never die. She will live forever. She was on the dock, smiling up at us, a few hours ago as the "Silver Star" moved out and into the North River. Now we remember other voyages when we sailed together around the world and across the seven seas. She was an insatiate traveler and this was the "one" trip she had hoped to take, but a Wisdom wiser than hers or ours made another schedule for Helen, and now she will be waiting for us at another landing.

Of all the friends we have known, this radiant woman was the most understanding and selfless. She could have had for herself "all things" that may be purchased, but she took few and kept little. And with each gift, small or great, she could have said in utter truth, "With this I give myself." Once on a Far Eastern desert, we came to a sudden deep "wadi" and looked down upon the shining roofs of a nursing home and hospital, and, with exultation in her

rich voice, Helen said: "There is my yacht"! Her "yachts" were scattered across the earth. Literally, with her hands, she followed the One Whom she adored and "went about doing good."

And in her deeds, and in boys and girls, in men and women, young and older, whom she has enriched beyond all the riches she has bestowed, Helen is alive today.

Perhaps it was fitting that, since she could not sail with us, we should have left her there smiling up and waving in an unforgettable gesture of Godspeed and farewell. When we return from this journey, she will not be waiting on the dock as she had planned, but we know where to find her.

"I tell you they have not died,  
Their hands clasp yours and mine.  
They are but glorified,  
They have become Divine."

(\* Mrs. Joseph Holton Jones, Wilmington, Delaware.)

## She Gave Herself To Her Friends

By Ernest R. Bryan

"My life wouldn't be much without the friends Helen has given me." That was the comment which I heard a lady make just before the funeral service for Helen Lyon Jones on March 27.

Mrs. Jones gave herself to her friends and she gave her friends to each other. And all of her many friends were brought closer to Christ because of her Christian faith—a faith that she lived daily.

When Helen and Joseph designed their new home in Wilmington, they planned it for their friends as much as for themselves. It was always their joy to have their friends—sometimes many friends at a time—there with them. The same was true at their farm in Richmond, Massachusetts. They worked hard to fix things up there—so that many of their friends could enjoy it with them.

Helen's friends couldn't be counted. They were many and they included people in all walks of life, of all ages, and in many parts of the world. She had a genuine interest in them, a concern for their welfare—spiritual and material—and she somehow kept in touch with them. Even with her failing eyesight, she continued an amazing correspondence. When she couldn't go to see people, she would phone them. When folk were in need, she always tried to

supply that need—giving of self and substance.

One of the officiating ministers at her funeral was a Negro rector of a new church in Wilmington which Joseph had designed and which Helen and Joseph were helped to build and support. Among the many friends at the funeral who were visibly moved and unashamedly gave vent to their grief were three lovely Chinese girls who had come to know Christ and His way of life better because of Helen. She had many friends in India, Lebanon, Japan, Germany and England. Yes, and we found some of her friends "lying down under" when we visited the Australian Endeavor last October.

When she died, Helen Jones was just completing a racial mission in New York. She was making some arrangements to help two friends from England to see some of the beauty spots of America and to meet some of her friends along the way. Thus, her friendship circle was in process—as it always was—of getting larger and larger.

The influence of this devoted person will live on to bless us all. We are better people, better friends, and better Christians because she lived. She lived for us. She loved us. She gave herself to us—her friends. "Greater love hath no man than this."

# Speak For Christian Citizenship

*(This letter was written by Jana Woodrum of Berthoud, Colorado, for the Christian Endeavor Christian Citizenship Award Contest. She received the highest award on the basis of this letter and her citizenship activities.)*



Congressman  
Washington, D. C.  
Dear Sir:

I am writing you, Mr. Congressman, in support of Christian Citizenship. I am convinced of the prominence Christianity needs to play in our lives. Our great country, founded on Christian principles, will continue to be great as long as her citizens are trying to be Christians. I know you, the people's representative, are keenly aware of this. And so I want to assure you that I am asking of you when you speak for Christian Citizenship.

The influence each of us wields over others can be a dynamic force for Christianity. If you try, at the sessions of Congress and other governmental functions, and if I try, in family relationships and at school, to be Christian citizens, we will be advancing toward our ultimate goal — a world at peace.

Mr. Congressman, in order that you may speak for Christian Citizenship, I must ask for Supreme Guidance. In a government as complicated as ours, where every decision is of far-reaching and even world consequence, you must understand continually which way is the right way. Too often if humans rely on their own limited vision they blunder into mistakes and errors. In the running of a nation, these blunders can be tragic.

George Washington, standing alone in the snow on the hillside at Valley Forge, gazing with mingled feelings on his men, encamped below him without food, clothing, or shelter, must have felt more than the chill of the winter weather. Then he knelt and asked for guidance, and the vision came to him of stars and stripes waving over a great and a free land, and he arose, and won a war, and became the father of a Christian republic.

Abraham Lincoln, seeing the Union torn asunder, must have wondered if it would be welded back together, longer and better. Then, confident of Divine Guidance, he forgot his fears, forgot himself, and, thinking only of the nation and of all men created equal, became immortal, became the Emancipator.

The founder of our nation and the server of our nation both depended on Someone greater than themselves to lead them aright, and built and guarded this America. Today when it is no longer a question of just America,

but rather of the whole world, dare these United States deviate from seeking that guidance which has made them a symbol of hope and liberty to all mankind?

The answer lies in your hands, Mr. Congressman, in your actions, in your convictions, in the way you run this government. Speak for your Christian Beliefs as you sail the Ship of State by asking the Great Captain for His Guidance.

You can speak for Christian Citizenship by being courageous. It is comparatively easy to be brave on a battlefield where everyone admires and expects fearlessness. It is harder to be brave when an indifferent or frightened world closes its ears to the good and the right. It must take a lot of courage to be brave on the congressional floor. It is then that a man is tested, that his depth is measured. It is then that a distinction is made between those who drift and those who row. It is then that you must stand firm, stand firm in the face of hostility and indifference, stand firm in the right, stand firm with courage.

If there are those among your associates in the government who have fallen into the habit of believing the easy way is the best way, you have an opportunity and a duty as a Christian citizen to arouse in them that courage which made it possible for our forefathers to defy tradition and ridicule and create an entirely new way of life. By standing firm, by being decisive in your actions, by keeping trust with the people who elected you: by being courageous, Mr. Congressman — you will be speaking for Christian Citizenship.

But such a man as you would not have been elected to your high office unless we, the people, had been speaking in our turn for Christian Citizenship. This is a democracy, a government by the people, where I too must speak — speak for Christian Citizenship by seeking Divine Guidance. My behavior every day, with my family at home and with my friends at school, shows what I stand for and where my guidance comes from. I, too, have decisions to make, which, though not of national significance, affect the lives I touch. It takes many deeds of love to repair the damage done by an act of hate or selfishness. And, in the same way that one kindness often blossoms into many more, so a cross remark may spread like an evil fungus.

It has been said that as the homes

go, so goes the nation. Because I am part of a home, I am a factor in the way this nation goes. There are four in our family, Mr. Congressman: my parents, my little brother, and myself. If I am kind, happy, helpful, considerate, and loving toward them, I will be helping to make a Christian atmosphere in our home. And if, when Daddy goes off to drive his trucks, and Mother cleans the house or does the dishes, and Tommy and I start to school — if we carry with us a Christian atmosphere, it will help to guide us all day long, and we will be speaking for Christian citizenship.

I must take responsibilities at school where citizens are being trained. I must ask for that guidance which will keep me on the straight and narrow path — perhaps the hard way, but certainly the right way. And though I am only a teen-ager, I must acquire well the habit of looking to a higher Source; then when I become a voter and in part responsible for the fate of the freedoms, I will be able to discern the way to speak for a Christian world and a peaceful world.

I, too, can speak for Christian Citizenship by being courageous. I must be brave enough to stand up for my ideals and for justice and for the right. It will not be easy to be a Christian citizen, but I must have courage to be just that. I must have strength of character that I may be absolutely honest — never cheating, that I may openly oppose anything which will harm my best, such as intoxicating drinks, that I may combat indifference, intolerance, and racial prejudice.

What dauntless faith and fearlessness the colonists must have had to pit their small strength against the queen of the seas! It is for both you and me, Mr. Congressman, in this twentieth century to look to their example and take courage to go forth today and crusade for Christian Citizenship.

Sincerely yours,

Jana Woodrum

## THE WINNERS

### FIRST AWARD

\$250 and Trip

To World's C. E. Convention

Jana Woodrum, Berthoud, Colorado

### SECOND AWARD

\$150

Rita Jean Trent, Vincennes, Indiana

### THIRD AWARD

\$75

Lucigrace Switzer,  
Grand Island, Nebraska

### RUNNERS-UP IN FINALS — \$50

Lucille Ann Gould,  
Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts

Jimmy H. Hensley, Bristol, Tennessee

Mary Ruth Mount,  
Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Marilyn Neill, Portland, Oregon

John Shellenberger, Jr.,  
Little Falls, New Jersey

### RUNNERS-UP IN REGIONS — \$25

Joyce Byer,  
Stouffville, Ontario, Canada

Cordelia Ellen Goodnight,  
Greensboro, North Carolina

Laura Ruth Jansma,  
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Doman Lum, Honolulu, Hawaii  
Helen C. Scott, Washington, D. C.  
Dwight W. Vogel, Abilene, Kansas

### RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES

To be presented to all state and  
provincial winners.

# Colorado Girl Takes Citizenship Laurel

## Jana Woodrum Wins Highest Honors in Contest With Rita Jean Trent, Second, and Lucigrace Switzer, Third

Jana Woodrum of Berthoud, Colorado, is the winner of top honors in the third annual Christian Citizenship Award Contest sponsored by the International Society of Christian Endeavor.

Second place went to Rita Jean Trent of Vincennes, Indiana, with the third award being taken by Lucigrace Switzer of Grand Island, Nebraska.

Recognition will be given to these winners and others at the World's Christian Endeavor Convention to be held in Washington, D. C., July 24-28.

The runners-up in the final judging are Lucille Ann Gould, Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts; Jimmy H. Hensley, Bristol, Tennessee; Mary Ruth Mount, Montreal, Quebec, Canada; Marilyn Neill, Portland, Oregon; and John Shellenberger, Jr., Little Falls, New Jersey.

Judges in the finals were Honorable Maynard E. Sensenbrenner, Mayor of Columbus, Ohio; Dr. Robert W. Rash, Huntington, Indiana, general secretary of Christian Education of the United Brethren in Christ, and Dr. Raymond M. Veh, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, editor of *Builders*.

Keen interest was shown in the contest which was held as a part of the International Society's continuing Christian Citizenship Crusade.

Selection of winners was on the basis of "A Letter to My Congressman" or "My M.P." on the theme, *I Speak For Christian Citizenship* and a record of citizenship activities. Top youth were determined in states and provinces after which winners were chosen in each region. Victors in the regions competed for final honors.

The first prize going to Jana Woodrum is \$250 and a trip to the Twelfth World's Christian Endeavor Convention in the Nation's Capital City. Second award winner receives \$150 in cash. The youth finishing third will be given \$75.00. The other five contestants in the finals will receive \$50 each.

Winner of the highest award, Jana Woodrum, is 16 years old and a mem-

ber of the First Presbyterian Church, Berthoud, Colorado. She is a junior at Berthoud High School where she is editor of school news, accompanist in boys' chorus and active in other organizations. Jana is assistant church organist, former moderator of Westminster Fellowship and was a delegate at the International Christian Endeavor Convention in Denver, Colorado in June, 1953.

Rita Jean Trent, who won second honors, is 18 years old and a senior at Lincoln High School, Vincennes, Indiana. She is a member of Reel Avenue Christian Church. Rita Jean is president of her county Christian Endeavor Unit, treasurer of the Indiana C. E. Association and chairman of the committee for the State Spring Retreat.

The winner of third place, Lucigrace Switzer, is a member of First Presbyterian Church, Grand Island, Nebraska and is a freshman at the University of Nebraska. She is 18 years old. Lucigrace is on the staff of the University publication and was editor of her high school publication. She was given the DAR citizenship award and received a scholarship in journalism. Active in church activities Lucigrace was chairman of the Three-State Hi-Y and Teen Conference and local chair for state UCYM conference. She is chairman for worship at the Presbyterian House of University of Nebraska.

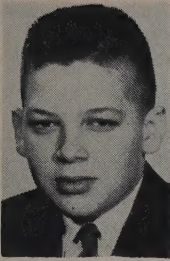
Dortha Tillman of Denver, Colorado was winner of the Citizenship Contest in 1953. She is now a freshman at Washington College, Spokane, Washington.

Ann S. Fulton of Richmond, Virginia took second honors in 1953 with D. Rigney of Nyssa, Oregon, third.

*The letter of Jana Woodrum printed on page 5 of this issue of "The World." In the next issue the letter of Rita Jean Trent will be published.*



Lucille Ann Gould  
Massachusetts  
North Atlantic  
Region



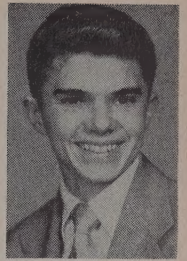
Jimmy H. Hensley  
Tennessee  
Southern  
Region



Mary Ruth Mount  
Quebec  
Canadian  
Region



Marilyn Neill  
Oregon  
Pacific  
Region



John Shellenberger  
New Jersey  
Middle Atlantic  
Region

#### RUNNERS-UP IN FINALS

(Pictures of first three winners appear on cover)

## Young People Receive Honors For Endeavors In Christian Citizenship

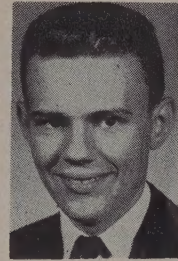


Helen Scott  
Dist. of Columbia



Betty J. Huff  
Illinois

#### WINNERS IN STATES AND PROVINCES



Dwight W. Vogel  
Kansas



Earlene Ingram  
Kentucky



Jean L. Vaughn  
Maryland



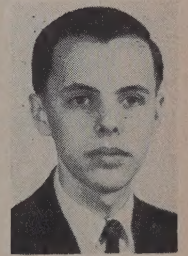
Laura R. Jansma  
Michigan



Bess Ann Gamm  
Missouri



Cordelia Goodnight  
North Carolina



James R. Dickson  
New York



Robert Dean  
Ohio



Joyce Byer  
Ontario



Peggy Ann Mowday  
Pennsylvania



Doman Lum  
Territory of Hawaii



Roberta Randolph  
Wisconsin

THE magazine you are now reading is an element or force in Christian work. In certain ways it illustrates how a Young Adult unit or any other group of Christians might plan its particular form of Christian action.

Your editors try to make THE WORLD attractive. The total content of each issue is carefully planned; those who contribute have been painstakingly chosen. Then page layout, choice of photographs, even type faces and color of ink and quality of paper, receive much attention. The "dress" of THE WORLD is intended to pull readers, as by a magnet, even though our form of circulation does not require this periodical to compete with others on a "buy me" basis at the corner newsstand.

You have at this moment a different set of responsibilities. Perhaps you have been chosen president of a Young Adult unit. Or you may be a chairman or a member of a committee. In some phase of church work, perhaps in more than one, you too have to choose, select, promote and persuade.

And the end result of your work can be attractive. For we must not allow so good a word to be applied to hats, hairdos and home furnishings alone! A church is created to draw people toward Christ and His way of life. It should be and can be a form of magnet, aided by divine power, and however high its standards and its mission, it can in many phases of its day-by-day mission be attractive just as we hope THE WORLD, a Christian workers' monthly, proves attractive and worthy of closer acquaintance.

We of the staff look to each oncoming issue as a Christian adventure. We'd like to urge that you look at your group's periodic meetings in the same light. So plan and conduct meetings that, if the Lord so wills, the gathering may have life-changing results. We have good reason to expect such of each and every meeting into which we invite our Lord as well as our fellow Christians and those who show an interest in Christian activities.

If we think of every meeting of the group as something special and significant, that helps toward making Young Adult meetings more attractive.

### Long-To-Be-Remembered

If you have a part in planning Young Adult meetings, your job should include choices that favor a worthwhile and long-to-be-remembered gathering. You will plan and choose those things for the group that will continue to attract them to still other meetings. You do this from unselfish motives: this is not an occasion merely in the field of entertainment and fellowship, though these may be present even in meetings of high spiritual value. You are not going to take personal pride because meetings you planned showed 28 per cent larger attendance than those of an earlier or later period. Instead you will probably begin to realize that it is a characteristic of Christian assemblages of merit and consequence that they possess power to attract. Such results form their own reward.

What makes our meetings more attractive? That's a good question to put before your fellow members, or at least before the officers of a Young Adult fellowship.

# Do It ATTRACTIVELY

Some votes will be counted for *variety*. Even the "regulars" won't be indefinitely attracted by cut-and-dried procedures, in which program and subject-matter seem frozen and lack imagination and liveliness.

### Detect Interests

I think some of your members could propose subjects for presentation and discussion which you'll only uncover by using interest-finder devices or around-the-room questioning. To discover matters touching interests and needs of those who attend, or might attend, will serve not alone the Young Adult fellowship but the total impact of the church in daily living.

Meetings should encourage *response*. The one leading a meeting should plan carefully to encourage a considerable number to take part. Digging out a set of good questions will help, but along with this try to give assignments for participation a week or two in advance to a fair cross-section of members. Involve newer personnel, not merely those who always try to help. Some meetings will lead to definite action, because of the type of subject, if well planned.

*Widened appeal* is worth working for. Look at your group's present use of music and the other arts. Do you appoint a leader to take responsibility for group singing? Do you pass around this form of leadership, so that most members have an opportunity to serve? Are there solo, duet and quartet selections from time to time? Has the meeting sometimes included appropriate instrumental selections? Are your graphic arts members used for exhibits and effects forming part of the meeting—or do you stop with asking them to make posters to announce your activities? Do you utilize audio-visual resources—on which Amy Deck Faust has given so many excellent suggestions in THE WORLD?

The advice, "Do it attractively," applies throughout the program and to many details of Young Adult leadership.

May I suggest a leaders' discussion period on some few phases of the *leader's relations with members*? From such discussions may come ideas that you will put to work in your job as well as in voluntary church work.

"GETTING RESULTS" in church work is the theme to which this month's Workshop is related. Read also "Do It DEFINITELY," in the February 1954 WORLD (Page 8).

Do you want similar articles every two or three months hereafter? Express your opinion to the Young Adult Workshop, THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 5, Ohio. Suggestions are always gratefully received.

## Young Adult Workshop

by Bert H. Davis

### Learn To Listen

One phase to be reviewed could be *Learning To Listen*. Some among us, having chosen a project or a course of action or a favorable approach to specific discussions, will follow the road-map so intently that we miss every attractive by-way and pay little heed to the scenery along the route! Sometimes a leader will present ideas, automatically ask if there are "any questions"—and within his heart will hope that no questions will be asked. An important part of leadership is listening. We can regard questions and objections as an indication that members are taking an interest, that we have awakened a response. If we'll listen, those who suggest or inquire may help us—and more important, the organization or project we're leading—to get better and broader results.

Two years ago an advertising agency completed, and had approval for, a clinic campaign in which much depended on impact from the headline and a small bit of related copy. Engravings had been made and mats were being mailed when a young woman in the agency office suggested a word that she felt would make the headline more attractive and informing. The agency took the suggestion seriously and secured the client's permission to place some of the ads with this relatively minor change in wording.

Some months later the traceable results showed that the advertisements with the revised headline had accomplished more in sales response than did the original version, in spite of the tedious procedure by which the original wording had been arrived at.

Now here was an instance in which skill and experience of leaders in a field had been less effective than one non-expectation. "This was all the more an argument for attentive listening," says the agency man who tells the story, "because the man who spoke up for a change had no background in agency work. She had been in our employ less than five weeks!"

### Suggestions Invited

I am inviting leaders in our work to suggest other phases of leadership that might need attention and discussion. While we're collecting these suggestions, try your own unit the idea of a clinic or discussion session for leaders only, to determine if your work has the power to attract support.

When we speak of making Christian activities "attractive" in the best sense, we are not counseling that the gospel and demands of church membership be watered down. Witnessing for Christ, which is the church's commission, cannot be talked lightly. But witnessing in many respects can be accomplished attractively, with true appeal. True greatness is so often accompanied by a winsome, sincere humbleness—and this is attractive. Jesus Christ set the example that Christians are good servants. In the way they do and in the way they do it, efficient worthy of imitation, unselfish, they are and should present attractively the greatness that is to be found in Christian living and in zealously serving Christ.

# Leader of German C. E. Union To Speak at World Gathering

Rev. Arno Pagel, president of the German Christian Endeavor Union, will speak at the 12th World's Christian Endeavor Convention in Washington, D. C., Monday evening, July 26.

Youth from more than a score of nations are expected to be present for the significant meetings which will open Saturday, July 24, in the Mayflower Hotel of the Nation's Capital and continue through Wednesday, July 28.

Endeavorers in the host city are pushing arrangements to have everything in readiness to entertain the host of delegates that will attend this first World's Convention to be held in the United States since the one in New York City in 1921.

Rev. Arno Pagel will tell of the evangelistic work among German youth and other activities of the Christian Endeavor movement in his country.

Mr. Pagel has been president of the union since 1952. He was a pastor in the German Confessional Church from 1937 to 1940. During the war he served for two years as a soldier at Kassel, a town where the German Christian Endeavor headquarters was located. Here he received his first contract with Christian Endeavor. Following the war, Pagel went into evangelistic work. He headed the Christian Endeavor conference at Burnmouth in 1948, the World's Convention in London in 1950 and a No. II Conference in Rome in 1952.

The president of the German Union before coming to the convention will spend several weeks on a speaking tour in Canada.



Rev. Arno Pagel

## SPEAKER . . .

The leader of the Christian Endeavor Movement in Germany will visit North America preaching in Canada July 8-18 and at the World's Convention in Washington, D. C.

## Program Begins Saturday

The program for the convention calls for the opening session at 7:30 Saturday, July 24, in the Mayflower Hotel. Sunday afternoon Dr. Billy Graham, well-known evangelist, will speak at a meeting to be held at the foot of the Washington Monument. It is expected that there will be more than 30,000 attending. Monday evening Rev. Mr. Pagel will speak. Tuesday Dr. Harry N. Holmes, former vice-president of the

World's Christian Endeavor Union, will give the address when there will be representatives of many nations that will bring brief messages. The closing session on Wednesday will be addressed by Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the World's Union. Each morning there will be conferences and business sessions and in the afternoon sight-seeing trips.

One of the feature musical attractions will be the Kawaihau Church Choir of Honolulu, Hawaii. Prior to the convention on Friday, July 23, this group will present a special concert in the Mayflower Hotel.

Rev. Ithiel Master, former vice-president of the India Christian Endeavor Union who has been studying in the United States, will be among the delegates.

## Howards Expected

Rev. and Mrs. Penn Howard, Alexandria, Virginia, who have spent a year on a World Friendship Tour, are expecting to be back in the United States in time to attend the convention.

Winners in the Third Annual Christian Citizenship Award Contest will be recognized and honored at Washington.

A contest is being conducted by THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD. The top winner will have expenses paid to the World's Convention. Details may be secured from International Society headquarters in Columbus.

A Fellowship Tour to the northeast part of the United States is planned following the convention. This will be for ten nights and eleven days from July 29 through August 8. Total cost for this all-expense tour is \$195.00. De-

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—Photo by Carl Powell

## They're Brushing Off the "Welcome" Mat . .

Christian Endeavor leaders in Washington, D. C., are getting things in readiness for the big convention in their city July 24-28. Workers pictured at recent meeting are:

First row (left to right) — Clenzo Miles, Merritt L. Smith, chairman; Dr. Ernest R. Bryan, president, International Society; Olinda Dormaier, registrar; Alden Imus, Charles O. Heyward, and Harry Gibson, D. C., registrar.

Second row (left to right) — Dr. T. T. Roberts, Frank Wilson, James Brown, Mrs. Mouton Glen, Nellie Griffin, Mrs. Mildred Bryan, Mrs. Helen Smith, Mrs. Frances Kline, and Fred Kline.

Third row (left to right) — Gene Booker, Phil Reed, Roman Ward, Dr. Harold M. Dudley, Grace Lovell, Blossom Athey, Mrs. Gerald Howard, Roger D. Marsden, Robert Crammer, and John Smith.



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## Little-Known

# Friends of Jesus

Second Topic in a Series on "We Remember"

John 11:1-11; Luke 7:36-43; 8:1-3

— JUNE 6 —

Comments by Earle W. Gates

### Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:

- Pray for God's blessing and help.
- Study the Bible selections given.
- Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
- Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purposes of the meeting.

Today's topic is the second in a series on the theme "We Remember." Last week, we gave thought to early pioneers of our faith. This week a brief study will be made of some of Jesus' friends of whom we seldom hear. Next week Paul's friends will be discussed. This topic gives the leader opportunity to teach God's word in a new light, placing importance upon those who rarely receive mention. Try to introduce these friends of Jesus in some unique fashion so that they will be remembered by the young people.

Remember, too, that this is Consecration Sunday, being the first of the month. If possible, in a manner of dedication, have the young people promise to strive to be better friends of Jesus, as the roll of members is called.

### Aim Of The Topic

1. To discover anew some friends of Jesus.
2. To learn that little deeds are important in the Kingdom.
3. To realize that you have a place in His friendship.

### Do We Remember?

In Mark 5: 1-20 is the story of the maniac filled with evil spirits. The Lord cleansed him by driving the spirits into the herd of hogs. Then the man wanted to follow Jesus but instead He sent him out to tell others of the miraculous healing. All marveled who heard this friend of Jesus. What may have been his later contributions?

Little thought is given to the crowds of people at the temple. When Jesus drove out the money changers, there were also blind and lame people at the doors. As Jesus left, he healed them. Others came faith-

fully to hear His plain and simple teachings. These groups were his friends who told others about Him. Read about it in Mark 11 and Luke 19. What attracted them to Jesus?

In order to recall Joseph of Arimathea, read John 19: 38-42. This friend gave his own tomb that Jesus might be buried in it. He had His body prepared lovingly for burial as was the custom of the Jews. In this and other ways he proved his love and belief in the Master.

Note "the women" mentioned in Luke 23: 55, and "Thomas" in John 20: 24-29 for other examples of those we should remember. What did they do for Him?

### What Did They Do?

Remember the woman who touched Jesus' robe and was healed? He felt power go out from Him to heal her. She showed the multitude His divine power of healing. Read about it in Luke 8: 43-48.

Matthew 18 tells of the child Jesus used to teach the lesson of humility. The name of the child is not known, but the story is long remembered.

In Luke 17: 11-19 can be found the story of Jesus' healing the ten lepers, but only one returned giving thanks for his healing. His example is a helpful reminder each day for His modern friends who are blessed.

Zacchaeus suddenly discovers that he is a friend of Jesus. He is small, insignificant, and a sinner, but Jesus chooses to go to his home where Zacchaeus proudly cared for Him. Review this story in Luke 19: 1-10.

Some of Jesus' earliest followers, and "friends," were the Shepherds and Wise Men who followed the star in faith that the Messiah had come. Their faith and stories helped mankind to begin to believe in the Saviour of the world.

What is the significance of the contribution of each of the above "little known" disciples?

Look up the following references to discover what these friends did also: Blind Bartimaeus—Mark 10: 46-52; the widow—Luke 21: 1-4; Mary and Martha—John 11; and the nobleman—John 4: 46-54.

### Why Remember?

It was in answer to Nicodemus' questioning of Jesus, although he knew He must be of God, that Jesus gave us the wonderful message of John 3: 16.

When Jesus was tired and thirsty He sat by the well of clear water but had no rope nor pail by which to reach it. It was then that the Samaritan woman (John 4) drew water for Him. The woman told the people of this Prophet with whom she had talked.

Remember the woman who washed her Master's feet with her tears, and dried them with her hair. (Luke 7: 36-40.) Though a sinner, she realized His power and His relationship with God.

Matthew 15: 21-28 tells of a woman of

### A SEED THOUGHT

"They also serve who only stand and wait."—John Milton Explain.

Canaan who came to Jesus seeking the healing of her daughter. Jesus was there to preach rather than to heal, and would hasten on. She continued to call to Him and He grasped the opportunity before Him to teach His disciples that race or color no longer mattered.

For further study and examples, read about the following: The leper in Matthew 8; the palsied man in Mark 2; the centurion in Matthew 8: 5-13; the daughter He raised in Luke 7: 11-17; Jairus' daughter in Luke 8: 41-56; the child with evil spirits in Mark 9: 17-29; and the man born blind in John 9.

What lesson is taught by these experiences?

### No Mention Was Made

There have been helpful people that are not mentioned in God's Book, but their presence is evident. Think for a moment of the person who loaned the Master the boat from which He preached some of His greatest messages. Someone had to loan a boat. That "someone" made possible the preaching of the Gospel. He, too, was important to Jesus.

Christ's very first miracle was performed at the wedding feast at Cana when He turned the water to wine. If it were not for the host He would not have had opportunity to so reveal His divine power.

Note the man of Bethlehem who loaned Joseph and Mary use of his stable. Even though he did not find room in the inn, he provided a place for the world's most wonderful birth. He is never mentioned again yet he aided both Christ and us.

When Christ taught many of His disciples, they were told to some unknown persons. But because of those unsung stories, they were told and recorded.

What service did these acquaintances render Jesus and the world?

### FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION

The main discussion will be looking up the passages and discussing these little known friends through out the topic. If there is time for further discussion, the following may be used.

1. Recall some other friends and discuss their importance then. How have they helped you today?
2. Think of others of today that are little known, and discuss their importance.
3. What can people do today to be of service, yet be little known?

### Bible Readings

- M., May 31. True Brethren. Luke 8:19-21.
- T., June 1. A Grateful Samaritan. Luke 17:11-19.
- W., June 2. Friends Loan a Colt. Luke 19:29-38.
- T., June 3. Joseph of Arimathea. Luke 23:50-54.
- F., June 4. The Women at the Tomb. Mark 15:47; 16:1-6.
- S., June 5. Cleopas and His Companion. Luke 24:13-32.
- Sun., June 6. Topic—Little-Known Friends of Jesus. John 11:1-11; Luke 7:36-43; 8:1-3.

# Ninety Great Days

First Topic in a Series on "Make Summer Days Count"

Philippians 3:7-14

Intermediate



— JUNE 6 —

Comments by Raymond M. Veb

## Our Aim

1. To approach summer vacation with the aim of making it a time of personal enrichment.
2. To see the values in attending a church camp.
3. To plan helpful Christian Endeavor summer projects.

## Plan a Nature Program

This series of topics suggests outdoor activities. Plan at least one service for the outdoors. You may want to meet early and plan a hike to a beauty spot. Or the meeting may be held at sunset on the church lawn, or some nearby place where there will be as few interruptions as possible. If necessary to meet indoors, make the room as beautiful as possible with flowers and pictures. The leader and others will have favorite nature hymns and poems which can be used to enrich the program. Use these:

There is a lovely story of a giant tree in the state of Maine which grew so straight and tall that it seemed to give a threefold message to all who looked on it: "Always look up—to God." "Never let any wind or storm—or evil—bend or break you." "Always strive to be the very best that you can be." Have you ever seen a tree with a message to you? Follow with solo, "Trees" by Joyce Kilmer.

Do you remember the story of "The Great Stone Face" by Hawthorne? You will all know how Ernest admired the face on the mountain side until he became like the image in his dreams. What are men like who carry the message of the hills?

Read Psalm 121. Psalm 90:1, 2. Hymns for campers include Nos. 124, 121 and 18.

## Leaders Campspiration

Are you on your way to a Bible camp? Do you get yourself a good "revamp" which can be had at such a camp?

We hope that you are or soon will be! Practically every denomination has summer camps for its youth. There are many Christian Endeavor Conferences planned for camps and other places.

Maybe you have never been to a youth camp. If you haven't, you don't know what you've missed. Truthfully, you've missed one of the richest experiences you could ever have!

The finest and most complete definition of a camp we've ever seen was produced by Percy Hayward. Believe it—every bit of

it; we can vouch for its factualness through years of camping experiences:

I am camp.

I am a place where youth learns the joy of play without sting, of fellowship without regrets, of creative effort that wearies not, of a good time that leaves no headache—or heartache—behind.

I am a new purpose for life that will make the years different.

I am noise—and silence with a thrill in it.

I am energy—and the touch of loving service.

I am youth—and the slowly emerging habits that make matured experience worthy.

I am today and also tomorrow that is being shaped.

I am a giver of gifts—that pass not away, that time will not chill, that poverty will not quench, that riches will not deceive. I am habits, ideals, ways of living, confirmed attitudes in the soul of youth.

I am camp.

Not every camp will offer you everything expressed above, but any camp will give you much of it.

## Sell Camp in Your Program

The topic should be presented in as concrete and colorful form as possible. It should major on descriptions of actual camp experiences. The following several methods of presentation are offered for consideration.

### 1. Talk by a youth leader.

Visiting speakers usually attract good attendance and especially if their mission is to talk of camp. Let the person tell of plans for this year's camps.

### 2. Have testimonials.

Young people who have attended camps could be asked to tell what camp has meant to them. The spiritual benefits will, of course, be emphasized; but every phase should receive some mention.

### 3. Prepared talks.

Different features of camp life could be assigned to various individuals, and a comprehensive word-picture of what goes on at camp could thus be presented. These talks would be given by some who have already attended. But some young person who has not may speak on the subject, "Why I Want to Go to Camp."

### 4. Dramatize some feature or features of the camp activities.

Almost every item on the camp program except possibly sports lends itself to this form of presentation. The following scenes are suggested: registration, class at study with instructor, dining hall scene or K.P. duty, reading the day's edition of the "newspaper," a chapel or campfire service. The service could be climaxed with a helpful devotional tone by having a campfire service for the final scene with some youth leader giving the "good-night chat."

## Summer Meetings to Make the Season Count

Go on a hike of discovery. This may be very short, for even a back yard will reveal

many interesting patterns in nature to the one who seeks with open eyes. Take one or more magnifying glasses with you. Stop to examine weeds, flowers, spider webs, insects, trees, etc. Notice the beauty of line and color in each and every item. The Designer used all the laws of design and color known to the best artists of our day in every one of these patterns.

An interesting observation of patterns in nature may be made by examining a tree stump. Note the outer protective bark and the inner bark which carries prepared food from the leaves to all growing parts of the tree. Count the rings to discover the age of the tree when cut. Are these rings wider on one side? Is this side facing the south? Are some rings wider than others, showing different degrees of growth in various years? What might have been the cause for this difference?

If you live in the city you might plan to visit a museum. Discuss beforehand the things you want to find there and the questions you want answered lest your experience be just unplanned roaming. If you do not have access to a museum, a city park, conservatory, greenhouse, florist shop or the garden section of a department store will furnish enough material for your observation. Of course, visits to some of these places would be possible only on weekdays. Plan things to do as a society each month of these "90 great days." Don't give way to "Old Man Summer Slump" in your society. Have the officers and counselors plan as many activities as the society members can really absorb. Such a schedule will pay dividends and by fall you will be alerted to "full-steam-ahead."

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## PONDER ON THESE

1. Can you tell exactly where and how growth and new life come?
2. Can you predict what kind of plant will grow from a seed? How?
3. Is everything in God's world beautiful?
4. Why is summer camp-life good for youth?
5. What camp activities do you enjoy most? Why?
6. What has camp meant to you?
7. Plan a project of helpfulness for this summer for your Christian Endeavor.

## Daily Bible Readings

- May 31. A Purpose for Every Season. Eccl. 3:1-8.
- June 1. No Time for Idleness. Prov. 19:15.
- June 2. No Vacation for Satan. I Peter 5:8, 9.
- June 3. An Outdoor Conference. Acts 16:12-15.
- June 4. Summer Meditations. Psalm 8:1-9.
- June 5. Making the Most of Opportunities. Matt. 25:14-30.
- June 6. Topic—Ninety Great Days. Phil. 3:7-14.



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## Little-Known

# Friends of Paul

Third Topic in a Series on "We Remember"

Acts 13:1-5; 27:40-44; 28:7-10; Colossians 4:7-14

— JUNE 13 —

Comments by Earle W. Gates

### Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:

1. Pray for God's blessing and help.
2. Study the Bible selections given.
3. Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
4. Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purposes of the meeting.

This topic is the last of a series on "We Remember." This week we study the little known friends of Paul. Last week we looked at Jesus' friends. Attempt to sum up these meetings briefly. This will be another of those unusual opportunities for a study of God's Word. Have the society members bring their Bibles and plan to use them. Much helpful information about the early Church and about God's plan for Christian living can be derived from a study of the Apostle to the Gentiles and his friends.

### Aim Of The Topic

1. To discover anew some obscure friends of Paul.
2. To learn that little deeds are important.

### Do We Remember?

When Paul heard Stephen speak he perhaps admired him. When he saw Stephen's shining countenance, even as he was being stoned, a deep impression was made. Yet even during this stoning Paul helped the cruel ones who were doing it by caring for their clothing. For a time he continued to persecute the Christians. It was some time later that he was converted on the Damascus Road. His conversion began, it has been suggested, with the stoning of Stephen, the faithful. In a very indirect way Stephen was one of his greatest benefactors.

On the Damascus Road Paul was made blind. He was led into the city of Damascus where he remained without sight for several days. The Lord chose Ananias to help Him. He used him to bring back Paul's sight, both physically and spiritually. Read about it in Acts 9: 10-19. What a friend Ananias was indeed!

### FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION

1. Name some other little-known friends of Paul.
2. What do we owe to these unknown benefactors?
3. Who was Paul's greatest friend?
4. How necessary is praise and credit in Christian service? Why?
5. Of what value is our "remembering" these people? What then should we do?

How often it occurs that a person can do a seemingly unimportant service for another, the results of which may be tremendous. Lives are changed by such "blessings in disguise." Think of how such things can happen to us today. Name some ways that significant spiritual service can be rendered, often unknowingly.

### What Did They Do?

See what the group can find about the following friends of Paul: Barnabas, Titus, Luke, Timothy, Silas, John, Mark, Gaius, and Aristarchus. The Book of Acts will be most helpful in this search.

Lydia was a business woman, who invited Paul to stay in her home. She cared for him as he preached in her city. She was the first woman convert in Europe and so has rendered a distinctive service.

Pass out slips giving these names and Scripture references to various members. Let them present their findings and discuss the contribution of these characters to the Kingdom.

How was Euroclydon a "friend" to Paul, and so a help to the Kingdom?

### Why Remember?

Acts 20 contains a most unusual story about an incident that happened to Paul while he was in Troas. He had been preaching to a large number of people in a third story room, even until midnight. A man named Eutychus was very tired and had fallen asleep, while sitting on the window ledge. Having fallen three stories, he was picked up for dead. Paul was able to restore his life, according to Christ's promise. This sleepy lad has focused much attention upon Paul and the power of God throughout the years.

King Agrippa, his sister Bernice, and Festus, the governor, were in a sense friends of Paul. They listened intently to the story he loved to tell of his conversion. When Paul was away from them they agreed that he had done nothing that was worthy of prison or death. King Agrippa even admitted to Paul that he was "almost persuaded" to believe in Paul's Saviour. Truly, he admitted Paul and his life, and his message, though he utterly failed him in his hour of need.

Julius, who was named to guard Paul for a brief period of time, is only mentioned once, but he was a friend of Paul. He took pity on him, and allowed him to visit his friends in order to refresh himself. Acts 27: 3 says that Julius treated him "courteously." Only a friend would treat a prisoner so. Acts 28: 8 also speaks of Publius, one of his supporters, who lodged Paul three days "courteously." Few there were who were thoughtful and helpful to Paul. Why should we remember, and give thanks for these "friends?"

### No Mention Was Made

When Paul was shipwrecked with a number of others the soldiers advised killing the prisoners, for fear they would swim and escape. But an unknown centurion who

### A SEED THOUGHT

"Rise up, O men of God!  
The Church for you doth wait,  
Her strength, unequal to her  
task;

Rise up, and make her great!"  
—Merrill

was willing to save Paul kept them from doing so. He commanded all who could, swim for shore. The rest were saved of broken pieces of board and driftwood. (Acts 27: 41-44.) Was he not a "friend in need?"

The Philippian jailer is fairly well known but not his name. When the earthquake came at midnight, and the prison door burst open, he would have killed himself in despair but Paul called to him. As the jailer amazed that they had not fled, questioned Paul, he witnessed to him. Then the jailer tenderly cared for Paul (Acts 16: 25-34) after he and his family had been baptized believers that very night.

On one occasion in Damascus when Paul's life was threatened there were friends who let him down over the wall in a basket in the night so he might escape. The friends saved his life as did so many others in their turn.

Paul had countless friends who fed and housed him during his journeys. He often speaks of his friends at the church who helped him and cared for him.

### There Is A Link

In Paul's day the church was scorned as misunderstood. It was attacked by powerful foes. The Great Apostle badly needed friends, great and little, to help him. They supported him, hid him, encouraged him and prayed for him. Because of the friends, and the help they gave Paul, the groundwork for the present-day Church was laid; its life and program were firmly established.

### Some Today Are Little Known

There are some disciples today who are little known yet they aid immeasurably in spreading God's Word and building His Church. Lay leaders, elders, deacons, musicians, caretakers, teachers, janitors, and others are needed to build Christ's Church here on earth. Though their names never go down in history they are necessary.

### From The Book of Books

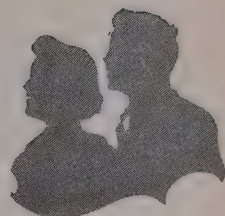
- M., June 7. Phebe. Rom. 16:1.  
T., June 8. Priscilla and Aquilla. Acts 18:1-3, 26; Rom. 16:3-5.  
W., June 9. Other Friends at Rome. Rom. 16:5b.  
T., June 10. Friends with Paul at Corinth. Rom. 16:21.  
F., June 11. Clement and Fellow-Laborers. Phil. 1:3.  
S., June 12. Onesimus. Philemon 10.  
Sun., June 13. Topic—Little-Known Friends of Paul. Acts 13:1-5; 27:40-44; 28:7-10; Col. 4:7.

# Books That Make Life Better

Second Topic in a Series on "Make Summer Days Count"

Isaiah 34:16; II Corinthians 3:2; II Timothy 4:13

Intermediate



— JUNE 13 —

Comments by Raymond M. Veb

## Books to Read

There are multiple lists of books for Junior High youth to read. Here is one that will bring profit:

Willis—Florence Nightingale  
Jones—Paul the Hero  
Grenfell—Adrift on an Ice Pan  
Van Dyke—The Other Wise Man  
Bolton—Lives of Poor Boys Who Have Become Famous  
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Hubbard—Ann of Ava  
Brown—Hallowell Partnership  
Bunyan—Pilgrim's Progress  
Parkman—Fighters for Peace  
Brummitt—Brother Van  
Howard—Indian Chiefs I Have Known  
Eastman—Yellow Star  
Andrews—His Soul Goes Marching On  
Webster—Daddy Long Legs; Dear Enemy  
Conde—The Business of Being a Friend  
Hagedorn—You Are the Hope of the World  
Atkinson—Greyfriar's Bobby  
Laughlin—Everybody's Lonesome  
Ewing—Jackanapes  
Schutze—Lone Bull's Mistake  
Nicolay—Boy's Life of Lafayette  
Stevens—Story of Lincoln  
Foster—Making Life Count  
Appelgarth—Lamplighters Across the Sea  
Mackenzie—African Adventures  
Kunitz and Haycroft—The Junior Book of Authors

## Project

On the magazine stands of your community there is a growing list of books with gaudy covers. Most of these books are not worth very much. With a counselor, have one Endeavor visit a magazine stand and see if there is any worthwhile book or classic among those displayed. Report to the society the evening of this meeting on this matter and any other deductions made from this visit.

## Bible Meditations

M., June 7. The Covenant Read. Exodus 24:7.  
T., June 8. Effective Reading. Deut. 17:18-20.  
W., June 9. Attentive to Reading. Neh. 8:1-3.  
T., June 10. Read and Heed. Rev. 1:3.  
F., June 11. The Purpose of John's Book. John 20:30, 31.  
S., June 12. The Greatest Book. Psalm 119:97-105.  
Sun., June 13. Topic—Books that Make Life Better. Isaiah 34:16; II Cor. 3:2; II Tim. 4:13.

ing as well as for other forms of recreation. Therefore a topic on reading is especially timely at this point in our program.

## We Are What We Read

Most of us read a considerable amount of material in a year. It may be the newspaper or our favorite magazine, and some get no farther than the "reading" of a few "comic" books. It is a well-established fact that what we are depends greatly upon what we read. Reading fills our minds with new ideas, whether they be good or bad. These ideas become a part of our thinking, and from that point influence our actions. This fact must be kept clearly in mind.

Since it is a fact that "we are what we read," what kind of reading should we do? We can find about anything we want to read. It is like sitting down at a table where there are all kinds of foods and where we are invited to eat anything and everything we can. Some people would eat what was nearest them and never take the trouble to sample anything else. Others would pick out what they were accustomed to eating and never taste anything new. Still others would try to eat everything on the table. But others would make wise selections and find strength and health because they had plenty of good nourishing food.

Personally I would rather have fine books than fine furniture. Books are my best friends. They are silent companions but they never deceive or mislead me. Of course, I am speaking of standard time-tested books. A home without books is poor indeed. Empty book shelves create a feeling of desolation.

It is easy to build a library, for books are cheap. The best books in the world today were written many years ago and they are still good. If I could have only one book in the house, it would be the Bible. My second would be Webster's Dictionary. After that, those who can afford it should have an Encyclopedia. Histories of Greece, Rome, England and America, together with standard poetry and literature, are the foundations of a well-built library, just as a good basement wall is the support of a fine house.

What books would you put first in your catalog of necessary ones?

## The Worth of a Book

The worth of a book is what you get out of it. Just as a poor workman quarrels with his tools, the slothful minded deplore the lack of interest in the best of books. Then there is the stubborn, self-opinionated person—the man with a mind warped by bitter prejudice who is so occupied exploiting his own ignorance that he can never find anything profitable in any book.

There are so many books worth reading again and again. But you must own books to really enjoy them. There is the same difference between a book that you own and a library book as there is between home and a hotel.

## Our Aim

To see how reading influences life.  
To discover how to choose a good book.

To gain standards for reading.

## Advance Tips for a Good Meeting

Have a committee report on the amount of kind of reading matter available in the community. What types of magazines sold on the newsstands and in stores? Where a good public library? Are there facilities of securing additional books in the library department of the state? Are there paid circulating libraries and what kind of books do they offer? What kind of newspapers are published? Hymns appropriate for use in the worship service include, *Holy Spirit, Truth Mine, Open My Eyes that I May See, Angel Voices Ever Singing, Take Thou Our Praises, Dear Lord.*

The following quotation, from *From Man to Man* by Olive Schreiner may have a place in the worship service, too:

"When I read a beautiful book or a great poem, or see lovely pictures—then it comes to me that I want to raise my hand to my forehead and salute, as the soldiers do when their officers go past. I want to go to all the great dead, to all the men and women who have been before me whose names will never be known, without whom I could never know what I know and understand as I understand, or think—think—Be Thanks!"

## Summer Reading

Are you looking forward to the summer months when you have time to revisit your book shelves? So many old friends look at us from these shelves—friends who have been sadly neglected these past months. And then too, there are the new friends we want to know.

Some people have no friends in books and thus lose multiplied months of enjoyment. In thinking of them we are always reminded of the familiar story of the boy who entered a large department store to purchase a gift for a friend. After looking at everything she at last turned to the clerk for a suggestion as to what her friend might like. "Don't you think your friend would like a book?" asked the clerk. "No," said the lady, "my friend has a book!"

For a great many young people summer months bring increased leisure for reading.

## CAN YOU ANSWER THESE?

1. What book in the Bible do you like best? Why?
2. What is your favorite biography? Tell of the person treated.
3. What is your favorite poem? Read it.
4. What is a great novel you have read? Why do you consider it great?
5. How can you know whether a book is good or bad?
6. What youth weekly do you receive in your Sunday school? Why do you like it?



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Comments by Earle W. Gates

## Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:

Pray for God's blessing and help.  
Study the Bible selections given.  
Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.  
Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purposes of the meeting

A new series of topics begins today. It will be entitled "Faith of the Free." It will include a study of our freedom of worship, our requirement for disciplined living, and the privilege of Christian citizenship. Today the topic is "Freedom In Worship." Several things should be brought out. Among them are the deep needs for both public worship and private worship. The opportunities for these may each be stressed, together with suggested methods and benefits. The leader may try to bring out the full meaning of freedom in worship. There is vastly more to it than is usually realized. Some knowledge of the service of worship used in the local church on Sunday will be helpful in order that it may be interpreted to the Christian Endeavor Society. Be aware of the purposes of the various items of the service and what they are designed to do for the worshippers. Try to work out means for increasing interest in church attendance by those who appear indifferent. If possible, have literature on personal devotions, prayer, etc. in the meeting.

The Christian Endeavor Meeting itself should be an experience of worship especially in the opening devotional service. Make this one "extra," by careful preparation, special music, a good leader's talk. The society meeting is the opportunity for self-expression on the part of the young people. Don't neglect it, but help make every meeting an inspirational experience, a time of worship.

## Daily Scripture Readings

M., June 14. A Great Promise from God.  
Ex. 19:3-6.  
T., June 15. A Captive at Prayer.  
Dan. 6:10, 11.  
W., June 16. Jesus' Mission for Freedom.  
Luke 4:16-21.  
T., June 17. Praying in Prison. Acts 16:23-26.  
F., June 18. Freedom in Christ. John 8:31-36.  
S., June 19. Invitation to Worship.  
Psalm 95:1-7a.  
Sun., June 20. Topic—Freedom in Worship.  
John 4:19-26.

# Freedom in Worship

First Topic in a Series on "Faith of the Free"

John 4:19-26

## Aim Of The Topic

1. To review our heritage of freedom in the matter of worship.
2. To point out our responsibilities that come from such freedom.

## Faith Of The Free

Let's face it, freedom is risky business! It cannot be accepted lightly or taken for granted. Unless the great mass of mankind possesses moral stamina, and sound training for life, unless they have respect for the rights of others and constant recognition of God's purposes for the individual, freedom can create chaos and conflict. It is the Christian gospel with its fruit borne in individual lives that makes freedom valuable and satisfying. A first requirement for freedom in religion is that there be a minimum of secular controls, and a maximum of inner controls, within the Church itself. Then these must be supplemented by the willing giving of self, as a testimony to what true liberty can do. It is by no means accidental that free governments and free Christian bodies flourish together.

## What Is Freedom?

Freedom is the absence of undue restraint upon normal activities of life. It is the reward for vision, courage, and cooperation. In a very real sense it is the opportunity for individual initiative and corporate progress. "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." (John 8: 32.) But such liberty must not be taken as license. Charles Kingsley has said, "There are two freedoms, the false, where a man is free to do what he likes; the true, where a man is free to do what he ought." Someone has described it as "room to enlarge." Freedom never gives one person the right to do only what he *wants* to do. It requires that he do what he *should* do for the good of others. Especially should this be applied to our worship privileges.

## Freedom In Worship

Worship is the experience when a person is made aware of the presence of God and acknowledges it by giving response to some divine purpose. This may be accomplished in the great cathedral or in one's own prayer room. We have a magnificent American heritage that we call freedom of worship. This is the freedom to worship, not the freedom to ignore it. We may well point out that such freedom includes both the individual and any group sharing the Christian faith. Any one of us can—and should—approach our God frequently in prayer and meditation. Those of like faith need to be free to come together in group worship. By this practice we receive help from others who are also striving to carry out the purposes of Christ. However, our Saviour never intended to limit our devotional life by setting apart some holy place or physical conditions. We may pray where we are; we may worship together anywhere.

At this season, as we approach the summer months, we will have the opportunity of testing our faithfulness. When we are

## A SEED THOUGHT

"Our American heritage is freedom to worship, not freedom NOT to worship."

away from the home church we should tend wherever we may be on the Lord's Day. It will give the privilege of worshiping with other denominations, and sharing in others' customs. Don't let a vacation time that God has provided be a time of vacation from God.

## What Price Freedom?

The full meaning of the concept "Freedom in Worship" is far greater than many of us realize. It comprises much more than the mere ability to acknowledge Christ without threat of oppression from the State or from other enemies. It involves what we do with that freedom and what we make of it. Having won such rights through bloody sacrifices of the past it is our *active duty* to participate frequently in public services of our faith. Thus we are able to defend all forms of righteous freedom. To neglect this privilege is to lose it.

It has been said "Eternal vigilance is the price of peace." By the same token, constant use is the price of religious freedom. Since we have the right to pray and to freely read God's Word, we should avail ourselves daily of the incomparable privilege of "walking and talking with Jesus." And since we have the free right to choose where and how we may worship together, we are morally obligated to not "forsake the assembling of ourselves together," even on the Lord's Day. Freedom is to use!

## TO HELP THE DISCUSSION

1. What is freedom?
2. How does freedom in America differ from freedom in other lands (Name different nations and compare.)
3. What do we mean by "Freedom in Worship"? Do all men have it?
4. Why is freedom "risky"? What does it involve?
5. What are the obligations of people who have freedom, whether political or religious?
6. How may we exercise our God-given freedom of private worship?
7. How may we exercise properly our right of freedom in public worship?
8. How can our use of our own liberties defend the freedom of others?
9. At what price have our liberties come to us?
10. What can we do to assure the next generation of freedom?

# Lessons From the Poets

Third Topic in a Series on "Make Summer Days Count"

Psalms 100

Intermediate



— JUNE 20 —

Comments by Raymond M. Veb

*The Vision of Sir Launfal* by Lowell is a helpful poem. This poem has been in the course of study for nearly every high school student in America and has carried home a valuable lesson for every reader. The following words are a choice part of this poem:

Not what we give, but what we share,—  
For the gift without the giver is bare;  
Who gives himself with his alms feeds  
three,—  
Himself, his hungering neighbor and me.

## Poems of Every Mood

Take up the book of Psalms in your Bible. Here is recorded some of the greatest poetry ever written. The Psalms cover every mood of man down through the ages. That is why they are imperishable.

The Hebrews of David's time were a very devout, singing people. The words of their songs are recorded in the book of Psalms. Read them and see what great thoughts they expressed in their songs.

Not all the Psalms were primarily praise, however. Some were laments, songs of penitence, songs of trust and statements of vengeance. The Jewish bards sometimes composed them to fit the emotions of various occasions, and people took them up in their singing to express their emotions. That is why the Psalms still have meaning for our generation. We have troubles, too, and we often find relief in singing about them to God and each other.

Read, for example, the 103rd Psalm. In this poem the more personal qualities of

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## FOR DISCUSSION

1. Why does poetry speak to the human heart?
2. What poem has been especially helpful to you? Why?
3. What poem in the Bible do you like best? Why?
4. How can we develop taste for poetry?
5. Take a look at your hymnbook. Are there poems for every mood?
6. Why do some denominations use only the Psalms in their hymnbooks and service of worship?
7. What Psalms do you know and like best? Why?
8. List hymns in your hymnal which are really great poems.
9. List hymns in your hymnbook whose authors are well-known poets.

## Aim

- To discover good poems.
- To know how to appreciate worthwhile poetry.
- To gain lessons of eternal value.

## For a Good Meeting

Gather all the books of poetry from your pastor's and friends' libraries that you can display these. Ask Endeavorers to each take a Bible and a book of poetry. When one or she enters, then to choose a poem to be read later in the service.

## What Poetry Does

The poets with keen insight show us in their unique style what arguments never could reveal. Poetry speaks the language of the soul rather than that of the intellect. Poetry illumines nature. Too many of us pass through the world without seeing its beauties or recognizing the amazing wisdom of its Creator.

## When Is a Poem Worthwhile?

A poem is worthwhile if it directs our thought toward the pure and good. Some poems direct the thought toward the base and ignoble; other things direct it toward the high and holy. The poem, because of its peculiar influence, has a tremendous power in directing thought; and the poem that directs the thought toward the pure and holy is surely worthwhile.

A poem is worthwhile if it stimulates faith in God. The poem that brings us fuller revelation of God, a larger appreciation of His love and mercy, a deeper and stronger trust in Him—that poem is abundantly worthwhile.

A poem is worthwhile if it inspires us to press forward to higher attainments and greater accomplishments. Anything that helps us in this direction is worthwhile. Poetry has a peculiar faculty for inspiring the soul; and the poem that encourages and stimulates us to press forward is of great value to us.

A poem is worthwhile if it enheartens for the experiences of life. While many of the experiences of life are wearying, they are definitely exhausting. In such times multitudes have found poetry, especially the poetry of the Bible, to be a source of new life and hope. Under the influence of what they read, many have been lifted above the troubles that cast them

down and have been inspired with new courage and determination. Surely, the poem that enheartens us for the struggles of life is worthwhile.

A poem is worthwhile if it stirs us to action in the service of God and humanity. Often has a poem been the means of stirring the individual to action; it has been the call of God to service. The poem that grips our life and stirs us to action is a God-send to us.

## Some Worthwhile Poems

Charles Wesley's *Love Divine, All Love Excelling* is one of the masterpieces of sacred hymnology. Like others of its kind, it tells of the love and mercy of God toward man.

Proctor's *Lost Chord* is meditative in character, and is helpful in its influence upon the reader. It is stimulative of faith in God.

Julia Ward Howe's *Battle Hymn of the Republic* is an outstanding poem among productions of its kind. Especially the last stanza, beginning "In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea," has been an inspiration to many a reader.

Carleton's *The First Settler's Story* is one of that writer's most popular poems. It is descriptive, full of human interest, and carries a great lesson. School boys and girls the country over have heard and read this poem with great advantage to themselves.

Thorpe's *Curfew Must Not Ring Tonight* tells the story of a girl's devotion and sacrifice for her lover. It stirs the heart of the reader and urges him toward the pure and noble in life.

Longfellow's *Psalm of Life* is one of the masterpieces of that author. It brings much wholesome moral philosophy, urging the reader to make the most of himself and of his opportunities for service.

Whittier's *Barefoot Boy* is a masterpiece. In it the author portrays a boy's life with reference to nature. This poem is rejuvenating to the reader.

Tennyson's *Charge of the Light Brigade* has been a real challenge and inspiration to many a school boy. The lines

Theirs not to make reply,  
Theirs not to reason why,  
Theirs but to do and die.

are immortal. They portray in striking manner some of the real elements in loyalty and obedience.

Holmes' *The Chambered Nautilus* is a poem which awakens aspirations for better things. The concluding lines are almost sublime:

Build thee more stately mansions, O  
my soul!  
As the swift seasons roll;  
Leave thy low-vaulted past;  
Let each new temple, nobler than the  
last,  
Shut thee from heaven with dome more  
vast,  
Till thou at length art free,  
Leaving thine outgrown shell by life's  
unresting seas.

## Scripture References

- June 14. The Poetry of Job. Job 38:1-18.
- June 15. The Poetry of the Psalms. Psalm 1.
- June 16. Poetry in Proverbs. Prov. 8:22-36.
- June 17. Poetry in Ecclesiastes. Eccl. 11:1-4.
- June 18. The Poetry of Solomon. Song of Solomon 8:6, 7.
- June 19. A Poem of Mary. Luke 1:46-55.
- June 20. Topic—Lessons From the Poets. Psalm 100.



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Comments by Earle W. Gates

## Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:

- Pray for God's blessing and help.
- Study the Bible selections given.
- Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
- Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purposes of the meeting.

We continue today in study of the subject "Faith of the Free." Last week we considered the privilege of Freedom in Worship. Next week the emphasis will be upon Christian Citizenship. Today the topic is unusually challenging, being "Freedom In Disciplined Living." This should take in a broad expanse of thinking. It encompasses the great spiritual gifts of God, the greatest of which is eternal redemption. It must also direct the thinking of the group in the techniques and requirements of Christian living. Consider such things as habits of living, the duties of a Christian in service, and the disciplines of love. This meeting is an unusually fine opportunity to influence your Society members for godly living. Self-discipline is one of the greatest needs of our day. Get this message over to your friends.

### Aim Of The Topic

1. To point out the freedom that we enjoy as Christians.
2. To learn the secret of living a "disciplined life."

### "Faith of the Free"

It is necessary to remind ourselves often that freedom is a dearly-bought privilege. It is indeed a delightful heritage, whether it be political, or spiritual, or moral. It is something that comes at great price to others and should be greatly cherished by all who possess it. Just a moment of comparison with those who have it not will be most convincing. The very fact that it is so valuable argues that we should use it carefully and wisely. The faith of the free is a wonderful inner possession but it has equally wonderful outward benefits. In the matter of disciplined living, we must strive to know the will of God.

### A SEED THOUGHT

"The Christian life is more than hearing or knowing; it is doing and being."

# Freedom in Disciplined Living

Second Topic in a Series on "Faith of the Free"

II Timothy 2:8-19

## The Source Of True Freedom

The Christian Gospel interprets freedom in a unique and marvelous way. The church instruction is based first upon the true source of freedom, the heart and mind of the individual. It reasons that the sincere believer in Jesus Christ has been set free from the costs of sin through his faith. Basic freedom is of the spirit. "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." (John 8: 32.) When one comes to a saving knowledge of Christ, Who has said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life—" (John 14: 6), he has indeed put himself in a position of eternal and earthly security. Our Lord teaches us not to fear that which destroys the body but to carefully avoid that "which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." (Matthew 10: 28.) In the Saviour we have deliverance from the power and the penalty of sin. "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Jesus Christ hath made me free from the law of sin and death." (Romans 8: 1.) If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed! (John 8: 36.)

## No Power To Separate

The second phase of the Gospel teaching regarding the freedom of the Christian is almost equally wonderful. No earthly power has the right to separate us from the love of Christ and from the privilege of serving Him. "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?—Nay, we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us." (Romans 8: 35, 37.) Our unity with Christ is unassailable and complete. This is one of the richest heritages man may know. It both blesses him and makes him a blessing. Like all true wealth it is not given to hoard but to share. This knowledge helps build Christian character.

## Freedom Through Disciplined Living

Finally, because of the freedom that our Lord has bought for us with His own life and because no one can take us from Him each Christian acquires definite responsibilities. We are required to so live that we will honor our Master and help our fellow men. Our task is to show unbelievers that we are under a discipline of love which encourages right attitudes. Therefore complete integrity and trustworthiness result. A life of useful Christian service is the final product.

We are not free to do as we please for we must remember our obligations to Christ and to our fellow men. "Ye are not your own, for ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's." (I Corinthians 6: 19, 20.) Bad habits deliver us into bondage. Christians must be free of any faults or failings that would come between themselves and God or which would encourage others

## TO HELP THE DISCUSSION

1. What is "The faith of the free?"
2. What is the true meaning of freedom?
3. What do we mean by "disciplined living"?
4. How are we set free from the penalty of sin?
5. Why can no earthly power separate us from the love of Christ?
6. What responsibilities for Christian living do we have as sons of God?
7. Why are we not free to do as we please?
8. How do bad habits "deliver us into bondage," or make us slaves?
9. What can come as a barrier between God and ourselves?
10. What is meant by the discipline of love?

to be indifferent to Him. "For as many are led by the Spirit, they are the sons of God." (Romans 8: 14.) The Spirit we lead us in all righteousness, and deliver from evil, if we give Him a chance.

## The Discipline Of Love

Since "we are not our own" and since we have been abundantly blessed we are under the rigid discipline of love itself to be ourselves as sons of God. Love is the eas and the most severe of taskmasters. Un it we cannot spare ourselves a single sacrifice, or inconvenience, or pain. Yet in power of love we are more than conquer

To have freedom, or any great privilege is to immediately assume the responsibility that goes with its possession. The possession of wealth requires great generosity giving to worthy causes. So the heritage love and freedom and blessing makes every man a steward of these things. God's love has given these things; our love constrains us to share them. We have freedom to our freedom aright. Only as we use it can we retain it. We are slaves of love, deed, but how happy is our fate. "The love of Christ constraineth us." (II Corinthians 5: 14.) Only by the disciplining of self we continue to be free.

## Bible Portions

- M., June 21. Servants to Righteousness. Rom. 6:19
- T., June 22. Delivered from the Law. Rom. 7:1
- W., June 23. Delivered from Corruption. Rom. 8:1
- T., June 24. Liberty a Stumbling-Block. I Cor. 8:1
- F., June 25. Right Use of Freedom. Gal. 5:13
- S., June 26. The New Life in Christ. Rom. 8:1
- Sun., June 27. Topic—Freedom in Disciplined Living. II Tim. 2:8-19

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORK

# My Favorite Psalm and Why

First Topic in a Series on "Bible Favorites"

Psalm 23

Intermediate



— JUNE 27 —

Comments by Raymond M. Veb

## Program Aim

1. To know the Psalms as a wonder-book.
2. To relate the Psalms to one's own experience.
3. To memorize a favorite Psalm as comfort for all one's life.

## Program

Since the topic is "My Favorite Psalm and Why," it may be practical to briefly consider a number of favorite psalms. The following suggestion may help the leader to arrange a unique program. At an early hour let the leader assign Psalms 1, 23 or (or any other) to different members. After the leader's talk call upon these members to state reasons why the psalm assigned to them is a favorite among inner-nature Christians. The program could be on the form of a debate.

## Special Music

Use solos, quartettes or anthems:  
The Lord is My Shepherd  
The Lord is My Light and My Salvation  
The Heavens are Telling the Glory of God  
Pans Pante the Hart for Cooling Streams

## The Book of Psalms

The book of Psalms is probably the most important portion of the Bible. The Psalms appeal to most people so strongly because they are autobiographies of the human heart. They express in most beautiful poetic language the soul's struggles and anxieties, its joys and sorrows, its joys and vicissitudes, its hates and loves, its deepest and noblest aspiration after God and goodness. Though written three thousand years ago, under social and moral conditions so different from ours today, they are so true to reality, to the facts of human nature and experience, that they find a most familiar and tender response in the hearts of those who read them today. Hence, no matter through what experience we may be passing—joy or sorrow, of defeat or victory, we will find something in the Psalms, in which we give vent to our feelings.

## QUESTIONS

1. What help do you get from the psalms?
2. What is your favorite Psalm? Tell why.
3. What is your favorite verse in the Psalms? Tell why.
4. Ask for any who can repeat from memory any of the Psalms to you so.
5. Let all repeat in unison the 23rd Psalm.
6. See if one of your group can draw an illustration of a Psalm on the blackboard. (The 23rd Psalm would easily be illustrated.)
7. Offer a small prize to those who will memorize a Psalm by the next meeting.

## Three Favorite Psalms in Outline

### PSALM ONE

- I. The Good Man
  - a) He shuns evil associates, v. 1
  - b) He delights in Bible study, v. 2
  - c) He resembles a fruitful tree, v. 3
- II. The Sinful Man
  - a) He resembles chaff, v. 4
  - b) He shall be guilty in judgment, v. 5
  - c) He shall perish, v. 6

### PSALM TWENTY-THREE

- I. Wants are fully met
  - a) Possession, v. 1
  - b) Position, v. 2
- II. Fears are fully removed
  - a) Progress, v. 3
  - b) Presence, v. 4
- III. Blessings are fully bestowed
  - a) Plenty, v. 5
  - b) Provision, v. 6

### PSALM NINETY-ONE

- I. The sense of Security
  - a) A conditional promise, v. 1
  - b) The spiritual Gibraltar, v. 2
- II. The sense of Faith
  - a) "In whom I trust," v. 2
  - b) A comforting faith, vs. 3-13
- III. The sense of Triumph
  - a) Jehovah promises to deliver, v. 14
  - b) Jehovah promises to hear prayer, vs. 15, 16.

## Two Contrasting Psalms

Psalms 32 and 51 should be studied together. The fifty-first is the penitent's Psalm, supposedly written by David after committing the heinous sin of his life. Its language can be appropriated by any sinner whose heart is penitent and who desires to confess his sins unto the Lord and plead forgiveness. The thirty-second Psalm is David's Psalm of thanksgiving following his penitent confession of his great sin and his conscious forgiveness. The Psalm recites his distress in the consciousness of his guilt and the scourging of conscience and the indescribable joy of forgiveness that filled his heart. A careful study of these two Psalms with the above background will bring ample reward.

Psalm 122, the so-called "Traveller's Psalm" should be memorized entirely. It is a beautiful description of the never-closing eye of God and his faithful care over us wherever we may be or go, by day or by night.

## For Your Program

- Additional topics for discussion—
1. Origin of the Psalms. By whom written? When? Why?
  2. Why the Psalms live on today.

## A Project

Take a sheet of large-sized calendar paper. Cut out the numbers. On the back of these paste verses from the Psalms. These

verses should be the ones most often heard as quoted from the Psalms.

Distribute the numbers as the meeting opens. Each person present selects a number and remembers it. Then give a period of five minutes to memorize the Scripture passage on the other side of the number. After this study period the leader calls the numbers of the calendar. See how many remember the number and can give the Scripture passage which was on the other side. Give the number and passage back to all who can give their verse correctly.

## A Quiz

Many of the Intermediates will have had catechetical training the last year or so. See how many can answer these pointed questions which appear in most catechetical classes:

1. How many poetical books have we in the Old Testament?

Answer: Five: Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon.

2. What is the keyword to the Book of Psalms?

Answer: Praise.

3. What does this Book of Psalms contain?

Answer: The language of all the feelings of which the human soul is capable, joy and sorrow, love and hate, adoration, reverence and trust.

4. Name some of the poets who wrote these hymns.

Answer: David, Solomon, Moses, Asaph, Sons of Korah, Heman and Ethan.

5. What is the purpose of this book?

Answer: It is the divine training book of the heart.

6. How many chapters are there in the Book of the Psalms?

Answer: One hundred and fifty.

7. Which is the longest Psalm?

Answer: The 119th Psalm. It contains one hundred and seventy-six verses.

8. Which is the shortest Psalm?

Answer: The 117th Psalm. It contains only two verses.

## Bible Readings

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| M., June 21.   | A Psalm of God's Revelation.     | Psalm 19.  |
| T., June 22.   | A Psalm of Confidence.           | Psalm 27.  |
| W., June 23.   | A Psalm of Penitence.            | Psalm 51.  |
| T., June 24.   | A Psalm of Praise.               | Psalm 103. |
| F., June 25.   | A Psalm of Commitment.           | Psalm 116. |
| S., June 26.   | A Psalm of Hope.                 | Psalm 121. |
| Sun., June 27. | Topic—My Favorite Psalm and Why. | Psalm 23.  |

# Making The Summer Pay Off

by Amy Deck Faust

The summer months should be times of change, rest, recreation, and healthful living outdoors, as much as possible. But the rest, change of place and pace, and the possible increase of leisure time should lead to some creative hobbies that can pay off in the fall.

Most of the year there are programs and projects which would be enhanced by the use of audio-visual teaching aids. The purchase of these aids is not always possible, and the pressure of the year's work often makes the making of such aids impossible. Summer can bring the opportunity for audio-visual projects.

In planning for the work of the fall the educator will ask, "What do we want to teach?" Topics and plans are made for the months ahead. Content must be examined and then the next question is asked, "How best can we present the things we want to use in the teaching process?"

With the many audio-visual aids available now there are usually many choices. One choice may involve more money. Another may involve more time. One tool may be better to instruct. Another tool may be better used when entertainment is also considered. This means that those planning the program must ask, "If we decided that we can best teach with audio-visual aids, which of these aids will best serve our purpose?" The time of day, place, age of audience, size of group, cost of materials and time needed to prepare and use the aids will enter into the study.

If the teaching aids can be purchased, summer is a good time to evaluate, plan, and order. If 2 x 2 slides or film strips, and films are to be used, previews are often possible in the summer, when the pressure of time in the year would not make it wise.

Projectors, screens, recorders, and other equipment, should be cleaned and carefully stored, if not to be used during the summer. Since there are so many ideal tools, it is to be hoped that all equipment has use, as well as care.

Aids that are to be made for use in the fall should be planned and produced during the summer. Pictures can be framed. Maps and charts can be made and mounted. Dioramas, stages, and various settings can be more readily made in these months.

Those intending to take 16 mm film, slides, or film strip, should begin with the careful preparation of a good script suitable for the teaching purpose. A good script is essential, and a shooting script must be ready before production. Camera, film, and subject, producer must be ready. Unless the one taking the film is thoroughly trained the group should be armed with, and quite familiar with guide books. Each camera has directions; however, it is good to secure more information in some books that are available. Among the latest are: *How to*

*Make Good Movies*, Eastman Kodak Co., Rochester, N.Y., \$2.00. *Preparation and Use of Audio-Visual Aids*, Kenneth Haas and Harry Q. Packer, Prentice-Hall, Inc., New York, \$4.00.

While the finished film may be edited in the fall, it is often wise to edit and title film and film strips at once. Slides should be cleaned, numbered, marked with thumb guides and colored tape for order in use and checked with scripts. Recordings can also be made during the summer.

Groups should not overlook the possibility of taking some of their own pictures supplementing their slides with the purchase of other materials. Some of the seasonal shots of winter, would have to be purchased if none are in stock and the program is to come before the natural winter snow. Small scale sets, or models with cornstarch cotton or other imitations of snow and seasonal changes can be set up even in the heat of the summer.

Yes, summer should be a time of change and recreation, but it can also be a rewarding time that will "pay off" in the fall programming period. The new *Audio-Visual Resource Guide*, National Council of Churches, 79 E. Adams St., Chicago, Ill. \$5.50, should be often consulted and seen as a summer guide for the audio-visual travel to come.

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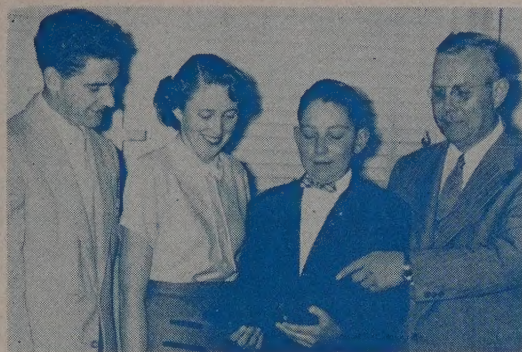
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## Youth Take-Over

Endeavorers of San Gabriel (California) Union Church assumed special responsibilities during Christian Endeavor Week. Rev. Joseph Hemphill (right), assistant pastor, is shown with leaders for a week. Earl Golden (left) served as youth pastor with Shirley Raymond as mid-week speaker, and Charles Bailey as youth assistant pastor.

## Intermediate — June 6

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### Get Your Members to Camp

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## JUNIOR CE MEETINGS

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#### Topics for June

- June 6. Time For Books. Eccl. 3:1-8.
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God give expression to thankfulness. Redemption, mercy and divine forgiveness are recognized. So we are called to recognize the wonderful mercies of God: "All that is within me bless His holy name."

The title of the 92nd Psalm is "A Song for the Sabbath." The Sabbath was a day on which the works of God's creation were celebrated. This poem was sung in the worship of the temple. It is a national hymn of thanksgiving. Just as we might sing "America, the Beautiful" on patriotic occasions, so the ancient Hebrews sang this poem of thanksgiving.

## A Planned Meeting

This meeting demands advance preparation if it is to be interesting. After the discussion of "What constitutes a good poem," have the poems selected by the Endeavorers from the books of poems read. Ask which of these poems appeals to the group. Repeat this procedure with the Bible. Study several Psalms first and then ask the Endeavorers to read the Psalms chosen.

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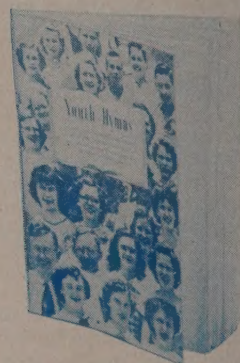
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